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# PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. k.W/h		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1985-86—															1985-86—	
April		39.0	9 970	10 516	43 516	47 467	547	581	516	527	25.2	27.8	147	149	May 31	14 698
May		40.7	10 801	10 414	48 382	44 753	585	556	513	476	33.3	29.7	125	140	June 28	14 390
June	22 716	23.3	11 246	10 385	50 418	44 355	562	550	487	487	31.2	29.7	134	144	July 26	15 066
1986-87—															1986-87—	
July		31.2	12 167	10 416	54 154	43 292	520	480	537	509	34.4	27.7	172	155	August 23	15 385
August		39.0	11 578	10 618	50 122	44 413	581	563	488	451	29.6	26.2	154	133	September 20	15 101
September	22 984	39.7	10 645	10 638	45 734	42 552	590	584	511	494	28.9	25.8	177	154	October 18	14 652
October		38.3	10 613	10 605	45 784	45 328	562	560	534	495	29.6	25.3	210	166	November 15	14 231
November		37.0	10 104	10 798	39 497	41 791	548	590	516	489	29.4	28.4	185	160	December 13	15 756
December	24 653	32.2	10 346	10 985	38 245	44 943	567	562	460	481	24.0	27.3	169	175	January 10	3 227
January		34.3	10 261	11 086	36 703	46 261	542	540	365	537	6.9	19.7	89	192	February 7	12 812
February		34.1	9 971	11 169	36 042	42 064	473	531	482	496	27.6	29.6	177	180	March 7	15 386
March	24 525	43.3	10 795	11 009	40 745	42 815	531	518	504	483	27.6	24.4	199	196	April 4	16 368
April		34.4	10 407	11 109	41 619	45 676	462	496	487	514	26.0	30.4	158	176	May 2	12 390
May		37.7	11 455	11 120	46 777	43 176	479	460	496	465	31.2	29.3	173	197	May 30	15 548
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11 812	10 875	48 908	42 956	533	509	482	477	27.2	25.1	198	210	June 27	15 783

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

## PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufac- turing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)		Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts (tonnes)	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—																
May	4,299	3,332	1,125	1,155	13,935	13,017	432.3		191	187	283	495	37,337	77.9		
June	3,334	3,023	954	1,097	15,035	13,082	435.0		180	193	281	505	32,907	76.8	42,086	42,283
1986-87—																
July	3,665	3,194	1,144	1,070	14,341	12,428	439.5	203	187	335	486	51,909	79.5			
August	3,884	3,363	1,007	1,042	15,170	13,987	443.8	186	196	481	480	91,762	82.1			
September	3,262	2,918	934	927	15,195	14,062	448.9	199	191	639	483	117,118	79.2	43,134	42,809	
October	3,884	3,575	1,211	1,029	16,446	13,916	453.3	217	195	765	485	122,839	77.1			
November	3,102	3,045	938	780	14,897	14,115	456.6	195	201	740	495	99,582	76.5			
December	2,450	3,159	715	841	12,087	15,109	458.7	191	207	680	501	65,756	74.6	43,723	43,840	
January	849	2,750	531	856	3,647	9,545	460.8	179	202	619	532	42,398	67.3			
February	3,374	3,707	871	768	17,098	17,584	463.9	192	201	473	538	46,831	75.0			
March	3,284	2,987	984	873	15,376	13,935	466.0	209	201	442	579	54,872	76.3	44,759	44,767	
April	3,866	4,138	1,069	1,136	14,368	15,298	468.4	204	202	367	593	45,339	77.4			
May	3,695	2,993	922	962	15,348	14,738	469.8	202	205	328	573	41,295	74.2			
June	3,339	2,981	891	962	16,288	13,939	471.7	191	196	303	543	34,309	79.7	44,605	44,803	
1987-88—																
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	209	194	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			

(a) This index is on a "net division" basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629 0.

# FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1985-86—									
May	2,717	2,745			228		-519	-1,231	12,504
June	2,630	2,738	5,687	5,321	234	140.8	-540	-1,189	13,024
1986-87—									
July	2,588	3,065			242		-874	-1,569	13,439
August	2,678	3,084			246		-796	-1,270	12,686
September	2,082	3,447	5,780	5,187	246	158.8	-817	-1,347	12,615
October	2,966	3,394			245		-915	-1,764	13,316
November	2,973	2,602			244		-237	-823	15,146
December	3,317	3,239	6,580	5,392	243	160.3	73	-514	15,561
January	2,836	3,100			244		-515	-1,396	13,846
February	2,875	3,027			243		-85	-873	12,604
March	3,009	3,060	6,534	5,207	242	p161.1	-173	-944	13,866
April	2,910	2,896			240		-252	-1,176	16,867
May	3,135	2,908			p243		-112	-972	16,787
June	p3,356	p3,269	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p243	n.y.a.	-122	-915	17,594
1987-88—									
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-716	-1,348	18,512

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

# INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

Month	Total			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists				Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000	
	Current prices			Average 1979-80 prices				Trend estimate		Seas. adj.		Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—													
May	4,707	4,537	4,517			1,471	1,447	578	495	36.3	33.8	11.1	10.2
June	4,197	4,589	4,562	8,204	8,410	1,380	1,459	423	502	34.5	33.9	10.3	9.5
1986-87—													
July	4,479	4,593	4,603			1,453	1,466	508	511	37.0	33.6	11.8	10.2
August	4,434	4,645	4,635			1,440	1,470	442	519	37.4	35.8	10.7	10.7
September	4,486	4,664	4,659	8,166	8,487	1,430	1,473	507	527	33.2	33.1	9.0	9.5
October	4,762	4,684	4,676			1,522	1,476	511	535	32.4	31.8	8.1	8.1
November	4,733	4,667	4,695			1,482	1,483	541	541	28.7	30.5	6.8	7.8
December	6,440	4,719	4,719	9,454	8,390	1,723	1,494	1,039	545	31.5	30.5	6.5	7.1
January	r4,609	r4,749	4,746			r1,528	1,509	r473	544	27.6	32.6	5.8	7.0
February	r4,232	r4,779	4,774			r1,427	1,523	392	541	28.2	31.5	6.3	6.8
March	4,539	r4,759	4,800	7,781	8,287	r1,501	1,536	463	r539	32.0	29.7	7.3	6.5
April	4,694	4,924	4,823			1,532	1,545	517	r538	26.2	27.8	5.8	5.7
May	4,817	4,764	4,843			1,528	1,551	550	r539	29.3	28.4	6.5	6.2
June	4,606	4,878	4,856	8,134	8,365	1,474	1,555	512	540	r32.6	r30.6	r8.1	7.2
1987-88—													
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p32.6	p30.1	p7.7	p6.6

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (%)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1975 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)				Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing					
1985-86—														
April				216.5										
May	425.50	278.20	409.20	216.5	1.23	153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.0	139.6	133.4
June				216.9										
1986-87—														
July				221.9										
August	437.20	282.90	418.90	221.9	1.16	157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0
September				221.9										
October				221.9										
November	446.30	287.60	427.20	221.9	1.29	161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1
December				221.9										
January	445.30	291.10	429.90	222.0	1.19	164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	143.8
February				222.0										
March				228.1										
April	451.80	297.70	435.60	228.1	1.23	167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0	146.0
May				228.1										
June				228.1										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes(a)		Private new capital expenditure (\$m/b)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—															
May	1,365.2	1,264.0	10.5	9.6	324.6					101.9	172.5				
June	1,789.6	1,679.7	11.3	11.2	715.6	3,904.4	3,755.0	29.8	29.2	102.3	173.6	1,615	1,596	3,691	3,384
1986-87—															
July	1,320.7	1,266.5	11.8	10.9	258.9					102.6	175.4				
August	1,457.1	1,393.5	9.9	9.9	324.7					103.2	176.5				
September	1,288.1	1,273.5	10.4	10.0	181.5	4,914.5	4,714.0	31.1	29.8	104.1	177.9	1,755	1,796	3,626	3,664
October	1,421.9	1,343.1	10.8	10.0	210.8					105.1	178.8				
November	1,376.9	1,350.6	10.1	10.0	367.6					p105.3	179.4				
December	1,404.1	1,394.8	9.9	10.2	291.3	4,042.4	4,009.1	30.3	29.8	105.5	179.9	1,949	1,698	4,404	4,226
January	1,124.5	1,446.8	7.8	9.9	238.0					105.8	180.7				
February	1,154.0	1,351.7	9.2	10.0	194.7					106.4	182.1				
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	274.7	3,857.0	4,253.5	27.0	29.4	p107.1	p183.6	1,562	1,814	3,268	3,741
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					p107.9	p184.8				
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					p108.2	p185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p108.6	p186.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
1987-88—															
July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies				
							Banks \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				\$m	\$m
1985-86—											
May	40,624	41,068	44,748	44,905	41,038	40,742	734	141	100	12.70	7,276
June	42,602	42,486	44,346	44,562	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243
1986-87—											
July	43,392	43,722	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	840	157	76	14.50	5,113
August	43,924	44,005	43,567	44,083	41,904	42,053	692	166	68	15.10	6,326
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,639	41,998	42,305	742	177	68	15.15	5,025
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	73	14.30	4,990
November	44,395	44,575	43,653	43,771	42,776	42,719	816	164	67	14.25	6,293
December	45,681	45,040	44,511	43,802	43,555	43,361	900	153	66	14.05	5,481
January	45,669	45,334	45,098	45,064	43,917	44,355	679	133	57	14.70	5,847
February	45,914	45,087	45,240	45,128	43,637	44,288	871	167	69	15.05	5,943
March	47,671	47,511	46,595	46,502	44,404	44,591	907	162	76	14.10	7,064
April	48,953	49,919	46,701	46,006	45,572	44,932	931	167	75	13.85	10,748
May	50,607	51,157	46,413	46,686	45,476	45,166	844	169	73	13.25	n.y.a.
June	50,530	52,367	46,210	46,452	45,158	45,219	859	192	69	13.00	n.y.a.
1987-88—											
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	46,603	46,915	45,380	45,221	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.85	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
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Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<b>AT CURRENT PRICES</b>														
1985-86—														
March	57,723	60,705	1,664	2,328	56,059	58,377	34,395	35,825	10,724	11,366	8,699	9,699	3,906	4,573
June	59,305	61,785	1,194	2,236	58,111	59,549	36,231	36,712	12,330	11,674	9,959	9,557	5,385	4,338
1986-87—														
September	62,740	62,888	1,883	2,356	60,857	60,532	37,666	37,833	11,619	12,010	9,908	9,944	4,416	4,939
December	70,501	65,284	4,227	2,537	66,274	62,747	40,809	38,649	12,358	11,952	11,189	10,513	4,817	4,776
March	63,846	66,805	2,137	2,602	61,709	64,203	38,108	39,569	11,570	12,264	9,259	10,320	4,029	4,728
June	67,313	69,897	1,691	2,657	65,622	67,240	39,839	40,415	13,521	12,802	10,998	10,576	5,981	4,847

**AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES**

1985-86—														
March	34,420	36,622	1,584	2,185	32,836	34,437	20,317	21,226	6,213	6,614	5,030	5,605	2,167	2,538
June	34,855	36,292	1,408	2,136	33,447	34,156	21,115	21,374	7,212	6,810	5,626	5,388	2,989	2,409
1986-87—														
September	36,059	36,386	1,624	2,104	34,435	34,282	21,299	21,417	6,475	6,721	5,421	5,443	2,358	2,640
December	40,851	37,047	3,853	2,224	36,998	34,823	22,573	21,319	6,899	6,639	5,953	5,602	2,525	2,502
March	35,388	37,415	1,869	2,241	33,519	35,174	20,517	21,369	6,343	6,753	4,823	5,368	2,107	2,471
June	36,525	38,064	1,400	2,202	35,125	35,862	21,203	21,501	7,445	7,030	5,644	5,420	3,080	2,499

**AT CURRENT PRICES—continued**

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1985-86—														
March	10,950	11,532	9,721	9,844	29,403	30,782	7,263	7,877	13,758	15,059	29,401	46,663	9,064	37,599
June	10,984	11,049	9,126	8,942	31,304	31,249	7,404	7,877	13,829	15,952	31,309	51,612	14,102	37,510
1986-87—														
September	12,251	11,534	9,764	9,717	31,722	32,083	8,034	7,749	16,135	16,007	31,734	51,228	8,968	42,260
December	12,151	12,213	11,072	11,006	34,171	32,457	9,879	8,919	19,226	16,415	34,160	57,965	8,947	49,018
March	11,329	11,937	10,556	10,950	31,266	32,728	8,414	9,121	16,192	17,369	31,251	51,106	10,709	40,397
June	11,704	11,775	11,218	11,043	34,113	34,063	9,044	9,638	16,098	18,334	34,108	56,559	15,769	40,790

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY  
OF JOB  
VACANCIES  
(d)**

**LABOUR FORCE(a)**

Month	Employed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate(b) (per cent)		Participation rate(b) (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total						
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	
1986—													
May	5,615.8	5,629.7	6,944.5	6,938.5	483.3	486.9	592.2	591.5	7.9	7.9	62.0	61.9	54.4
June	5,634.9	5,660.7	6,972.7	6,979.2	457.0	469.1	561.9	577.0	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0	
July	5,631.2	5,624.4	6,958.4	6,946.6	490.9	515.4	594.2	627.4	7.9	8.3	61.9	62.1	
August	5,582.4	5,640.1	6,885.7	6,942.9	490.7	504.4	595.6	623.5	8.0	8.2	61.2	61.9	48.6
September	5,666.9	5,642.4	7,007.6	6,965.7	517.6	525.3	631.6	630.5	8.3	8.3	62.4	62.0	
October	5,661.9	5,667.5	7,000.3	6,984.0	485.9	529.1	590.1	639.3	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.1	
November	5,647.6	5,648.4	7,006.9	6,966.4	489.1	531.8	583.3	636.7	7.7	8.4	61.7	61.8	51.9
December	5,724.0	5,653.9	7,092.0	7,014.8	545.7	538.4	655.5	644.5	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1	
1987—													
January	5,648.8	5,658.6	6,878.3	7,020.4	575.0	529.3	671.4	638.3	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.0	
February	5,681.0	5,671.4	6,998.2	7,041.4	581.1	518.9	699.6	631.9	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0	62.7
March	5,706.2	5,681.7	7,109.1	7,060.2	562.4	533.5	702.5	650.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2	
April	5,687.5	5,708.3	7,087.7	7,084.6	530.8	529.5	652.1	640.8	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2	
May	5,680.2	5,695.4	7,084.0	7,077.6	530.6	533.7	635.0	634.0	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	53.8
June	5,690.8	5,717.0	7,111.2	7,116.6	506.2	518.5	603.6	618.7	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1	
July	5,771.9	5,764.8	7,157.8	7,145.5	510.9	535.9	610.2	644.5	7.9	8.3	62.2	62.4	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (b) Estimates prior to April 1986 are based on the old definition. See paragraphs 37 and 38 of the Explanatory Notes of The Labour Force, Australia, January 1987 (6203.0). (c) Revised following annual reanalysis. (d) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)**  
( '000 persons)

Month	Australia													Total Govt. and Private
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Government				Total	
									Private	Common- wealth	State(b)	Local		
1986—														
January	1,874.9	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	3,781.9	431.6	1,074.3	151.7	1,657.6	5,439.4
February	1,917.8	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	503.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	3,852.9	434.1	1,113.6	155.5	1,703.2	5,556.1
March	1,926.6	1,566.7	807.6	470.9	505.9	145.8	55.6	116.6	3,854.7	434.2	1,136.4	155.9	1,726.5	5,581.2
April	1,912.5	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	502.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9
May	1,906.3	1,569.9	815.1	468.3	504.6	147.1	58.9	117.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2
June	1,929.9	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,848.1	482.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5
July	1,940.4	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9
August	1,928.3	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,930.3	1,567.5	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,154.3	157.2	1,751.1	5,601.5
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,158.5	156.3	1,753.3	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,925.1	438.8	1,153.3	156.1	1,748.2	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,948.2	440.1	1,130.1	155.3	1,725.5	5,673.8
1987—														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,871.3	440.2	1,084.0	152.0	1,676.2	5,547.4
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,940.5	441.0	1,117.4	154.8	1,713.2	5,633.8
March	1,964.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,941.7	442.4	1,144.4	155.1	1,741.9	5,683.6

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government employers is collected. For further details see Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia (6248.0) and Information Paper, New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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